CYCLING FEDERATION OF INDIA

CONSTITUTION

IDENTITY-PURPOSES

(compliance with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026)

ARTICLE 1

1. The Cycling federation of India (CFI in abbreviation) is the Association of State/ UT Cycling Associations and Boards
2. The CFI is a non-governmental National Association with the non-profit making purposes of National interest, having legal personality pursuant to the relevant laws in India.
3. The registered office of the CFI will be at Delhi or it can be shifted by the General body meeting to any other place thought convenient.
4. This Constitution is subject to the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 (hereinafter referred as NSGA 2025), in the event of any conflict, the provisions of NSGA 2025 and NSGA rules 2026 shall prevail.

ARTICLE 2

The purposes of the CFI are:

a. to direct, develop, regulate, control and discipline Cycling under all forms country wide;
b. to promote cycling in all the State/UT of India and at all levels:
c. to organize, for Cycling Sports disciplines, National Championships, Sub Junior, Junior and Senior (Men and Women), Inter State Cycling Championship and other Cycling Races like Stage Races in India of which it is sole holder and owner and other cycling sports;
d. to promote sportsmanship and fair play;
e. to represent the sport of cycling and defend its interest before the Indian Olympic Association, Asian Cycling Confederation and Union Cycliste Internationale and all other National, Continental and International Authorities;
f. to co-operative with the Indian Olympic Association in all matters particularly as regards participation of cyclists in National Games, Asian Games and Olympic Games.
g. *to establish, adopt, and enforce a **Safe Sports Policy** to ensure the protection and safety of all athletes, with particular emphasis on women and minors;*
h. *to formulate and adhere to a **Code of Ethics** aligned with the standards of the National Sports Board and International Federation to ensure integrity, transparency, and accountability in all operations;*
i. *to guarantee the active participation and representation of athletes in the governance of the Federation through the **Athletes Committee**;*
j. *to maintain a transparent, internal **Grievance Redressal Mechanism** for the fair and timely resolution of disputes among stakeholders*

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ARTICLE 3

a. The CFI shall ensure equality among all members, cyclists, license holders, and officials, strictly prohibiting discrimination based on race, religion, politics, **gender, or disability.**
b. The CFI shall respect the autonomy of affiliated State/UT Associations; however, this autonomy is subject to their compliance with the Constitution of the CFI. The CFI reserves the right to intervene in cases of systemic governance failure, ethical breaches, or financial misconduct.
c. The CFI shall strictly comply with the Constitution of the Indian Olympic Association and the Olympic Charter regarding the participation of cyclists in the National Games, Asian Games, and Olympic Games.
d. The CFI is a non-profit organization. All financial resources must be utilized exclusively to achieve the purposes defined in this Constitution. Members shall have no personal claim to these resources. **The CFI shall maintain transparent, audited accounts and adhere to all public disclosure requirements.** In the event of dissolution, all remaining assets shall be transferred to a recognized sports body with similar non-profit objectives.
e. The CFI shall operate under the principles of good governance, including democratic elections, transparent decision-making, and the protection of athlete rights, as mandated by the National Sports Board.

MEMBERS

ARTICLE 4

1. The members of the CFI shall be State/UT Cycling Associations recognized by the Management Committee and registered with the **National Sports Board**, representing the sport of cycling in their respective jurisdiction.
2. Only one State/UT Association from each State/UT shall be admitted as a full member, provided it meets the criteria of district affiliation as prescribed in the bye-laws and is registered with the National Sports Board.
3. The General Body shall consist of representatives from these full member associations, alongside mandatory representation of **Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOMs).**

ARTICLE 5

1. Every member of the CFI shall hereafter be referred to as member.
2. Only one Association/UT shall be admitted to membership for each State.
3. Every entity admitted to the Federation shall be referred to as a "Member."
4. The Federation shall admit only one State/UT Association for each State or Union Territory.
5. Admission as a Member is contingent upon:
    a. Recognition by the CFI Executive Committee;
    b. Current registration with the **National Sports Board** as a legitimate governing entity for the sport of cycling in said jurisdiction;

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c. Commitment to upholding the principles of the **CFI Constitution**, including the adoption of standard governance practices such as tenure limits, election integrity, and athlete representation as mandated by the National Sports Board.

6. Any Member found to be in violation, or the rules promulgated thereunder as well as CFI Constitution, shall be subject to disciplinary action, including potential suspension of membership by the CFI or the National Sports Board.

ARTICLE 6: **Regulatory Compliance and Dispute Resolution**

1. State/UT Associations shall comply with the Constitution, Regulations, and directives of the CFI and the National Sports Board (NSB).
2. The Regulations of the CFI shall be incorporated into the governing documents of all State Associations. In the event of a conflict, the provisions of the CFI Constitution shall prevail. State/UT Association constitutions shall explicitly acknowledge this hierarchy.
3. **Dispute Resolution:** All disputes arising within the State Associations or between the CFI and its members must be referred, in the first instance, to the CFI's **Dispute Resolution Committee**.
4. **Exhaustion of Remedies:** No party shall approach the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)** or any Court of Law without first exhausting the internal grievance redressal mechanisms of the CFI.
5. While the CFI encourages the resolution of all disputes through the mandated National Sports Tribunal (NST), the right of any member to seek legal recourse as provided by the Constitution of India is recognized. However, persistent refusal to utilize internal mechanisms or the NST in violation of this article may lead to disciplinary action, including suspension, subject to the rules of natural justice and approval by the NSB.

ARTICLE 7: **Membership Admission and Documentation**

1. Admission of a State/UT Association to the CFI is subject to a formal application to the General Secretary and approval by the Executive Committee.
2. The application must be accompanied by a dossier containing:
   a. A formal resolution accepting the CFI Constitution, the NSGA 2025, and relevant International Charters;
   b. Certified copies of its Constitution, registration as a society/trust/ incorporation certificate as per Companies act, and **proof of current registration with the National Sports Board**;
   c. A declaration of compliance with the governance standards prescribed under the **National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026**, including the establishment of an Athletes Committee and internal dispute redressal mechanisms;
   d. Evidence of district-level affiliation (minimum 50% district of the respective state);
   e. Current composition of the Executive Committee, confirming adherence to gender representation and athlete-member quotas mandated by the 2026 Rules;
   f. Official address and designated signatory details.
3. Applications shall be submitted in English. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
4. Members must notify the CFI and the National Sports Board of any changes to the information provided in paragraph 2 within 30 days of the occurrence.

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ARTICLE 8: **Membership Review and Affiliation**

1. Applications for membership shall be reviewed by the General Secretary for technical compliance and subsequently submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.
2. The Executive Committee may grant **Provisional Membership** for a maximum period of two years, subject to the applicant's registration with the **National Sports Board (NSB)**.
3. During the provisional period, the applicant's governance, adherence to the NSGA 2025, and sports development activities shall be monitored. The General Secretary shall submit periodic performance reports to the Executive Committee.
4. Any suggestion for structural or regulatory changes to align the applicant with the CFI's Constitution shall be communicated in writing. Compliance with these suggestions is a mandatory condition for the consideration of final affiliation.
5. Upon fulfillment of all conditions, the Executive Committee shall recommend the applicant/District Asociation for **Final Affiliation** to the General Body.
6. Decisions regarding affiliation shall be subject to the principles of natural justice. Any rejection or withdrawal of provisional membership may be appealed by the applicant to the CFI's **Dispute Resolution Committee** and subsequently to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**.
7. Provisional members shall have the right to participate in sporting activities but shall have no voting rights in the General Body

ARTICLE 9 **Finalization of Membership**

1. Once an application is deemed complete and verified for compliance, it shall be placed before the Executive Committee for review and subsequently recommended to the General Body for formal affiliation.
2. The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, may grant **Provisional Affiliation** in accordance with established bye-laws. Provisional membership is limited to participation in sporting activities and does not confer voting rights or eligibility for corporate roles within the CFI. Such status is subject to final approval by the General Body.
3. Membership status is contingent upon the applicant's continued registration with the **National Sports Board (NSB)**. Failure to maintain such registration will result in the immediate suspension of both provisional and final membership.
4. The procedures for granting, denying, or suspending membership status shall be transparent and non-discriminatory. Any applicant aggrieved by a decision of the Executive Committee or General Body shall have the right to appeal to the **Dispute Resolution Committee** and subsequently to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST).**
5. The same procedures for affiliation, registration, and grievance redressal shall apply equally to Associate Members.

ARTICLE 10: **Disciplinary Action and Expulsion**

1. **Grounds for Expulsion:** A member may be expelled for serious, habitual, or systemic violations of the Constitution, or the Ethics Committee/ Commission.
2. **Due Process:** No member shall be expelled without being served a formal notice of the charges and a reasonable opportunity to be heard before the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)**.

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3. **Recommendation:** The DRC shall submit a reasoned report and recommendation to the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee moves for expulsion, it must be ratified by a 2/3rd majority of the General Body.
4. **Right to Appeal:** Any member aggrieved by a decision of the General Body shall have the right to appeal to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST),**
5. **Statutory Notification:** Any expulsion must be immediately reported to the **National Sports Board (NSB)** for updating of the national registry.

ARTICLE 11: **Cooperation, Recognition, and Sanctions**

1. All members of the CFI shall extend reciprocal recognition to all affiliated district associations, clubs, and sports bodies, provided they maintain registration with the **National Sports Board** and adhere to the CFI Constitution.
2. Members and associate members shall recognize and execute the valid decisions of the CFI and other affiliated bodies.
3. Members shall facilitate the participation of athletes in all sanctioned Inter-State and national cycling activities.
4. State Associations and their members shall participate only in cycling activities sanctioned by the CFI or its recognized affiliates. Participation in activities organized by a suspended member is prohibited, unless otherwise authorized by the Executive Committee.
5. **Athlete Protection:** Any suspension of an individual athlete or official shall be subject to the procedures set forth in the **Code of Ethics** and **Safe Sports Policy**. Suspended individuals shall have the right to appeal to the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)** and, subsequently, to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**. No athlete shall be barred from competition without due process and the right to be heard.

ARTICLE 12: **Integrity and Prohibition of Parallel Affiliations**

1. To maintain the integrity of the sport and the unity of governance, no member or associate member shall join, support, or affiliate with any body, union, or association deemed detrimental to the interests of the CFI or that functions as a parallel governing body for cycling.
2. **Due Process for Alleged Violations:**
    a. Upon receiving evidence of such affiliation, the General Secretary shall serve a formal "Notice to Show Cause" to the member, providing a period of 30 days to respond.
    b. If the member fails to provide a satisfactory explanation or refuses to disaffiliate within the notice period, the matter shall be referred to the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)** for an impartial inquiry.
    c. The DRC shall provide the member with a fair hearing and submit a recommendation to the Executive Committee.
3. **Disciplinary Action:** The Executive Committee may impose suspension only after considering the recommendation of the DRC. The order of suspension must be reasoned and communicated in writing.
4. **Right to Appeal:** Any member suspended under this article shall have the right to appeal the decision to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST).**

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ARTICLE 13: **Sanctions and Penalties**

1. **Graded Sanctions:** The CFI shall implement a graded system of sanctions for violations of its Constitution, Regulations, or directives of the National Sports Board. These shall include: a. Formal Warning; b. Financial penalties (as determined by the Executive Committee, subject to a reasonable cap); c. Suspension of specific privileges (e.g., voting rights, participation in certain events); d. Suspension of membership.
2. **Proportionality:** Penalties shall be proportionate to the nature and severity of the breach. The schedule of penalties shall be published and updated periodically by the Executive Committee.
3. **Due Process:** No penalty, other than a formal warning, shall be imposed without providing the member with a "Notice to Show Cause" and a fair hearing before the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)**.
4. **Appellate Rights:** All sanctions (except formal warnings) are subject to appeal to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**, as per the NSGA 2025.

Statutory Reporting: All instances of suspension or serious financial penalties shall be reported to the **National Sports Board (NSB)**.

ARTICLE 14: **Annual Membership Contributions**

1. Each Member and Associate Member shall pay an Annual Contribution to the CFI, the amount of which shall be determined by the General Body upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
2. **Transparency:** The fee structure and the total contributions received shall be clearly recorded in the CFI's Annual Financial Statements, which shall be subject to mandatory audit and public disclosure.
3. **Non-Discriminatory:** The annual contribution shall be uniform for all members of the same category and shall not be used as a discriminatory tool or an unreasonable barrier to membership.
4. **Accounting and Reporting:** All annual contributions shall be used exclusively for the purposes set forth in this Constitution. Any arrears in payment shall be addressed through fair administrative procedures, including a notice period and an opportunity to be heard, before any disciplinary action is initiated under the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE 15

The first contribution is due for calendar year during which the Member/Associate Member is admitted.

ARTICLE 16: **Membership Contributions and Defaults**

1. Annual contributions shall be payable to the CFI as determined by the General Body. The Treasurer or authorized Secretary shall issue a formal receipt for all payments.
2. **Notice of Default:** If a Member/Associate Member fails to pay the annual contribution by 31st March, the General Secretary shall issue a written "Notice of Default" within 15 days, granting a 30-day period for payment.
3. **Suspension of Privileges:** If payment is not received within the cure period, the Executive Committee may, after providing a final opportunity to be heard, suspend the member's right

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to vote. This suspension of voting rights shall be lifted immediately upon the clearance of all outstanding dues.

4. **Long-Term Default:** In the event that dues remain unpaid for a period exceeding two years, the Executive Committee may initiate proceedings to suspend the membership. Such action shall be based on a recommendation from the **Dispute Resolution Committee** after the member has been given a fair hearing.
5. **Penalties:** Late payments shall attract a reasonable interest charge, as per the financial bye-laws approved by the General Body, not exceeding prevailing commercial rates.
6. **Right to Appeal:** All disciplinary actions taken under this article are subject to appeal before the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**.

ARTICLE 17: **Procedure for Non-Payment and Disciplinary Action**

1. **Notice of Arrears:** If a Member/Associate Member fails to pay annual contributions by the due date, the Treasurer shall report the default to the General Secretary. The General Secretary shall serve a formal "Notice to Show Cause," granting 45 days for the member to clear the dues or provide a written explanation.
2. **Inquiry and Recommendation:** If the dues remain unpaid after 45 days, the matter shall be referred to the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)**. The DRC shall conduct a fair hearing, allowing the member an opportunity to be heard, and submit a reasoned recommendation to the Executive Committee.
3. **Executive Action:** Based on the DRC's recommendation, the Executive Committee may impose a provisional suspension of privileges. Such a decision must be documented, reasoned, and communicated in writing to the member.
4. **Right to Appeal:** The member shall have the right to appeal any suspension order to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)** within 30 days of the decision.
5. **Restoration:** Membership status and privileges shall be fully restored immediately upon the settlement of all outstanding dues, including any authorized interest.

ARTICLE 18: **Disciplinary Sanctions and Suspension**

1. **Grounds for Disciplinary Action:** A member may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension, for persistent or serious violations of the Constitution, or the Ethics Committee/ Commission. Such actions must be based on objective, documented breaches.
2. **Due Process Requirement:** No suspension shall be imposed without: a. A formal notice specifying the grounds for the proposed action; b. A fair hearing before the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)**, allowing the member to present their defense; c. A reasoned recommendation from the DRC to the Executive Committee.
3. **Non-Arbitrary Enforcement:** The Executive Committee shall apply sanctions in a non-discriminatory and proportionate manner. Vague or subjective grounds for suspension are strictly prohibited.
4. **Right to Appeal:** Any member aggrieved by a decision of the Executive Committee or General Body shall have the right to appeal to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**.
5. **Statutory Integrity:** The CFI shall not use suspension as a tool to stifle legitimate dissent, internal governance critiques, or the exercise of rights protected under the law.

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ARTICLE 19: **Expulsion of Members**

1. **Grounds for Expulsion:** A Member/Associate Member may be excluded for serious, persistent violations of the Constitution, the NSGA 2025, or acts that cause irreparable damage to the reputation of the sport at the national level.
2. **Due Process:** No member shall be excluded without:
   a. A formal inquiry and recommendation by the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)**, ensuring the member has been afforded a fair hearing;
   b. The opportunity for the member to present their defense before the General Body (Congress) immediately prior to the vote.
3. **Voting Threshold:** An expulsion decision requires a 2/3rd majority of the votes cast by the members present and eligible to vote.
4. **Right to Appeal:** Any member expelled by the Congress shall have the right to appeal the decision to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)** within 30 days of the announcement of the result.
5. **Statutory Notification:** All decisions of expulsion shall be reported immediately to the **National Sports Board (NSB)** for finalization of the national registry.

ARTICLE 20

The Member/Associate Member shall be given the opportunity to be heard before the section is imposed on it.

ARTICLE 21

The Member/Associate Member wishing to leave the CFI send a letter of resignation by a Registered Post with acknowledgment due to the CFI General Secretary.

ARTICLE 22: Financial Contributions and Liability

1. Membership contributions are non-refundable, except in cases where a membership application is rejected without due cause or where funds have been collected in violation of this Constitution.
2. Liability and Redress: The CFI and its officials shall act in accordance with the CFI constitution and its mandate. Any Member or Associate Member aggrieved by a decision of the CFI may seek redress through the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) and, subsequently, the National Sports Tribunal (NST).
3. The CFI acknowledges its responsibility to act in good faith and in the best interest of the sport. Liability for damages arising from administrative decisions shall be determined by the National Sports Tribunal (NST) based on the principles of equity, law, and the provisions of the CFI constitution and its mandate. Nothing in this article shall be construed to deprive any person or entity of their right to legal remedy as provided by the Constitution of India or the laws of the land.

CONGRESS (GENERAL BODY)

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ARTICLE 23

The Congress is the General Body Meeting of the Members and is the highest authority of the CFI.

ARTICLE 24: **Convening of the Congress (General Body)**

1. The Statutory Congress shall be held annually. The date, time, and venue shall be determined by the Executive Committee and communicated to all members and SOMs at least 21 days in advance, accompanied by the meeting agenda and relevant documents.
2. **Extraordinary Congress:** The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress to consider urgent business. Furthermore, the Executive Committee **shall** convene an Extraordinary Congress within 60 days of receiving a written request signed by 40% of the affiliated members, stating the proposed agenda.
3. **Emergency Meetings:** In instances of genuine emergency, the President may authorize an emergency Congress. The notice period for such a meeting shall be as short as practicable, but the justification for the emergency must be included in the notice and ratified by the Congress at the start of the proceedings.
4. **Participation:** The Congress shall comprise representatives of all affiliated State/UT Associations, alongside the mandatory representation of **Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOMs)** and athlete representatives.

ARTICLE 25: **Powers and Duties of the Congress (General Body)**

1. The Congress is the supreme authority of the CFI. Its exclusive powers include:
    a. Amendment of the Constitution and dissolution of the Federation, subject to NSB approval;
    b. Relocation of the registered office;
    c. Ratification of disciplinary actions (expulsions/suspensions) recommended by the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)**;
    d. Determination of annual fees upon proposal by the Executive Committee;
    e. Election of office bearers, conducted under the supervision of the **National Sports Election Panel**;
    f. Removal of elected members, subject to an inquiry by the Ethics Committee and compliance with the 2026 Rules on tenure and eligibility;
    g. Appointment of a CAG-empanelled auditor;
    h. Establishment of internal rules for the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)**, consistent with the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)** guidelines.
2. The Congress shall annually review and approve: a. The Management Report and the Annual Compliance Report for the National Sports Board; b. The Audited Annual Accounts and the Auditor's Report; c. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

ARTICLE 26

1. Notices convening the Congress shall be sent to the Members/Associate Members at least 30 days before the date of Congress through UPC letter. The notice shall indicate the date, time and place of meeting and shall include the agenda and a brief note on any important matter to be discussed.

2. The notice for the statutory Congress shall be accompanied by report of the Management, Accounts and Budget and Auditor's report.

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ARTICLE 27

1. Agenda of the Congress shall be drawn up by the General Secretary in consultation with the President.

2. Any Member/Associate Member wishing to include one or more items of agenda of the Congress shall submit a draft proposal stating the reasons on which they are based or the text of the question in English to the General Secretary at least 45 days before the date of the Congress.

3. With the exception of alterations to the Constitution, or bye laws any question not on the agenda of the Congress can be discussed provided 7 members present desire the same.

4. Except in cases where the above applies no vote shall be taken on any other question which is not on the agenda.

ARTICLE 28

1. Each Member of CFI may be represented at the Congress by a delegations of not more than two persons. Associate member shall be represented by one delegate.

2. The delegate must be duly authorized by the State Association or Associate Member [read with article 4(2)] in writing either by the President or by the General Secretary. In case two nominations are received the nomination sent by the President shall be accepted.

3. The identity of the members of each delegation shall be handed over to the Secretary General before the commencement of the Congress.

ARTICLE 29

1. Unless otherwise decide by the Congress of the CFI shall be public and all voting shall be by show of hands until and un less 2/3rd of the members present decide to have a secret ballot on particular issue of the agenda except election of the Management Committee, which shall be done only through secret ballot.

ARTICLE 30

1. The President of the CFI shall open and chair the Congress. He shall check the quorum and call the meeting to order and then permit the Secretary General to proceed with the agenda. In case of voting the counting will be done by the President and result declared.

2. If the President is not present, his place will be taken over by the Senior Vice President or by Senior Most Vice President. If the Secretary General is not available the Senior most joint Secretary will perform the duties of the General Secretary.

ARTICLE 31

1. Before proceeding to vote on the items of the agenda the members of each delegation may address the Congress and speak freely on the items put to vote.

2. For the proper conduct of the Congress, the President may limit the speaking time of each delegate and the number of speakers to one per delegation.

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3. The President shall close the discussions unless the Congress decides otherwise.

ARTICLE 32

1. All the Members shall have two delegates and two votes.

ARTICLE 33

1. The identity of voting delegate must be brought in writing from the President or the Secretary and handed over the same to the Secretary General at the time of Congress.

2. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

3. None of the paid member (s) of the CFI shall take part in the voting.

ARTICLE 34

a. All proposals which fail to obtain the absolute majority of the votes cast shall be rejected. In case of a tie, the proposal shall be rejected.

b. If the voting pertains to more than two possibilities, none of which obtain absolute majority a second round of voting shall be organized on the two possibilities, with the best score in the first round.

3. The majority of 2/3rd of the votes cast shall be required in the following cases :-

   a. expulsion of a member;
   b. dissolution of the CFI;
   c. amendment of the Constitution.

   However, provision of Article 32, 38, 43 and 44.1 of the present Constitution cannot be amended except by the majority of the 3/4th of the votes cast.

   d. Abstentions and null and void votes were not counted.

ARTICLE 35: **Election Procedures**

1. All elections to the Executive Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the **National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026**, and the procedures prescribed by the **National Sports Election Panel**.
2. The CFI shall appoint an independent **Electoral Officer** from the National Sports Election Panel roster of Govt. of India to oversee the entire electoral process, from the finalization of the electoral roll to the declaration of results.
3. The process, including nomination, scrutiny, withdrawal, and voting, shall strictly adhere to the timelines and criteria specified in **Schedule II** of the 2026 Rules.
4. In the event of a tie or any dispute during the election process, the decision of the **Electoral Officer** shall be final, subject only to an appeal before the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**.

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5. Any candidate for election must meet the eligibility and "no-disqualification" criteria as mandated by the NSGA, 2025, and the 2026 Rules.

ARTICLE 36: **Voting Procedures and Ballot Integrity**

1. **Secret Ballot:** All voting for the election of the Executive Committee, the expulsion or suspension of a member, and the dismissal of any office bearer shall be conducted by secret ballot.
2. **Supervision:** All secret ballot proceedings shall be conducted under the direct, independent supervision of the **Electoral Officer** appointed by the **National Sports Election Panel**.
3. **Due Process:** No vote for the dismissal of an office bearer or the expulsion of a member shall be valid unless preceded by a formal inquiry and a reasoned report from the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)** or **Ethics Committee/ Commission**, providing the party concerned with a fair opportunity to be heard.
4. **Recusal:** In any vote concerning disciplinary action, dismissal, or expulsion, any member or office bearer with a demonstrated conflict of interest shall recuse themselves from the voting process.
5. **Validity:** The results of all secret ballot votes shall be certified by the Electoral Officer and recorded in the official minutes of the Congress.

ARTTCLE 37

1. All amendments of the items on agenda must be made in writing to the General Secretary at least 15 days before the date of the Congress. The text of the amendments shall be distributed at the beginning of the Congress at the latest provided 7 members present supporting the proposal.

ARTICLE 38

1. Congress may decide that a proposal is to be submitted to a sub committee whose report shall then be include in the agenda of the next Congress.

ARTICLE 39

1. The minutes shall be taken by the Secretary General/ Assistant Secretary of every Congress of the CFI and in his absence by the Additional Secretary.

2. The minutes shall be taken in English.

ARTICLE 40

1. Unless otherwise decided by the Congress the decisions of the Congress shall be effective immediately.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 41

1. The CFI shall be managed by Management Committee under the authority of Congress.

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2. The Management Committee shall be vested with the most extensive powers as regards the management of the CFI and the Regulations (Technical and General) of Cycling Sports. It shall be decided all matters not otherwise reserved to another policy body by this Constitution.

ARTICLE 42

1. Without prejudice to Article 41, the Management Committee shall in particular:
   a. execute decision of the Congress;
   b. admit the new Members/Associate Members;
   c. declare the suspension of members of the CFI to be approved at the next Congress in serious and urgent cases:
   d. propose the amount of annual contribution to the Congress and amount of annual contribution to the Congress and amount of licence fee to be charged and the entry fee of all races and levy fee on various National Competitions and Stage Races;
   e. to propose to the Congress members of the Appeals Panel and auditor, who shall be on CAG Pannel
   f. to make up budget and annual accounts to be submitted to the Congress;
   g. to discuss the report of the Secretary General and Mangers of the teams going abroad and report of the auditor. It shall also discuss the report of technical delegate of various National Competitions;
   h. to appoint and remove the Assistant Secretary which is paid by the Government of India;
   i. to decide on contracts to be signed with third part:
   j. to lay down its own Rules and Procedure;
   k. to lay down the duties of President and other office bearers depending upon practical conditions;
   l. to appoint the members of the Board;
   m. approve board decisions and adjudicate on boards decision in case of dispute;
   n. to set-up and appoint members of Sub Committees necessary for the proper functioning of the CFI;
   o. to allot National Championships to various Members/Associate Members;
   p. to appoint National Chief Coach and change if necessary;
   q. to appoint a panel of coaches and National Commissaries for each two year out of which selection will be made for a particular coaching camp/competition by the Secretary General.

2. The Management Committee shall lay down the detailed condition of participation in cycling events, grant of licence, transfer of riders, disciplinary cases of emergency the President in consultation with the Secretary General can take disciplinary action or lift the action taken which would be put up to the Management Committee at next meeting for ratification.

3. Infringement of Regulations and decisions shall attract the following sanctions in accordance with the Regulations and procedures laid down by the Management Committee.

   The following sanction may be applied :-
   a. warning

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b. reprimand
c. fine
d. suspension
e. withdrawal of licence
f. exclusion from one or more specify events
g. disqualification from race
h. Downgrading
i. penalties in time and/or points
j. withdrawal of prizes

4. Any office bearers/members of the Management Committee, Committee or any other sub committee or Boards can be removed by the Management Committee with 2/3rd majority of the members present. But in such case the quorum shall be 70 present of the total members.

5. Difficulties concerning the interpretation or application of the Regulations of CFI shall be settled by the Management Committee or in an emergency, by the President/Secretary General or their replacements except for recourse to the Appeals Board. The Management Committee may also delegate this power.

ARTICLE 43: **Composition of the Executive Committee**

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of not more than **15 members**, including:
   a. a President,
   b. a Senior Vice President
   c. 3 Vice Presidents (minimum 1 female)
   d. a Secretary General
   e. a Treasurer
   f. 3 Joint Secretaries (minimum 1 female)
   g. 5 Executive Members (Minimum 2 female)
2. At least four women amongst the Executive Committee
3. Two Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOMs) One male and one female amongst the Executive Committee
4. Two representatives elected from the Athletes Committee. One male and one female amongst the Executive Committee.
5. **Eligibility:** All candidates must be aged between 25 and 70 years and meet the eligibility criteria prescribed under the **National Sports Governance Act, 2025**.
6. **Tenure:** Office bearers shall serve a term of **four years**. No person shall serve more than the maximum consecutive terms permitted by the **2026 Rules**, followed by a mandatory cooling-off period.
7. **Conflict of Interest:** No person shall hold an office-bearer position in more than one National Sports Body simultaneously. Civil servants must provide an NOC as per their departmental rules, provided their candidature does not violate the conflict-of-interest policy.

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ARTICLE 44: **Election and Tenure**

1. Elections for all office bearers and members of the Executive Committee shall be held every **four years**, in strict accordance with the **National Sports Governance Act, 2025** and the procedures stipulated in **Schedule II** of the **National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026**.
2. **Independent Oversight:** The election process shall be conducted under the direct supervision of an **Electoral Officer** appointed by the **National Sports Election Panel** of Govt. of India.
3. **Electoral College:** The electoral college shall consist of representatives from affiliated State/UT Associations, **Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOMs)**, and elected members of the **Athletes Committee**.
4. **Eligibility and Tenure:** Candidates must meet the eligibility criteria (age, residency, and professional standing) prescribed by the NSB. Office bearers shall serve a four-year term, subject to the cooling-off periods and term limits.

Failure to Hold Elections: In the event of an impending vacancy or failure to hold elections within the prescribed timeframe, the **National Sports Board (NSB)** shall be notified immediately. The NSB shall have the authority to appoint an *ad-hoc* administrative

ARTICLE 45

1. The President of CFI shall also be the Chairman of the Management Committee.

2. The Management Committee shall decide the duties of each Vice President and the joint Secretaries.

ARTICLE 46

1. Except in case of resignation or dismissal by the Congress or by the Management Committee the term of office of members shall expire at the same time as that of the sitting Management Committee.

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1. The candidate for presidency and other office bearers/members shall be presented at the time of election Congress by the voter and seconded by another voter from other member State.

ARTICLE 48: **Remuneration, Tenure, and Eligibility**

1. No member of the Executive Committee shall be a paid employee of the CFI.
2. **Tenure and Cooling-Off:** All office bearers and members of the Executive Committee shall serve a term of four years. No person shall hold office for more than the maximum number of consecutive terms.
3. **Age Limit:** No person shall be eligible to contest for or hold an elective office in the Executive Committee upon attaining the age of 70 years, except in extraordinary

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circumstances as permitted by the **National Sports Board (NSB)**, in which case they may serve until the age of 75.

4. **Application:** These rules apply uniformly to all members of the Executive Committee, without exception for specific roles.

ARTICLE 49: **Vacancies and Disqualification**

1. **Vacancies:** In the event of a vacancy due to resignation, death, or removal, the position shall be filled by a by-election for the remainder of the term, conducted under the supervision of the **Electoral Officer**.

2. **Disqualification:** A member of the Executive Committee shall be disqualified if:

   a. They are declared insolvent or of unsound mind by a competent authority;

   b. They are convicted by a Court of Law for an offense involving moral turpitude;

   c. They are found in violation of the **Code of Ethics** or the **Safe Sports Policy** by the Ethics Committee,

   d. They cease to be an accredited representative of their affiliated State/UT unit.

3. **Resignation:** A member may resign in writing to the Executive Committee. Resignations of the President, Secretary General, or Treasurer shall be formally acknowledged by the Congress.

4. **Due Process:** Any removal or termination of an Executive Committee member shall be based on a reasoned recommendation from the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)**, ensuring compliance with natural justice and the right to appeal before the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**.

ARTICLE 50: **Meetings of the Executive Committee**

1. **Frequency:** The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly. The date, time, and venue (physical or virtual) shall be determined by the Secretary General in consultation with the President.
2. **Notice and Agenda:** Notice of all meetings, accompanied by the detailed agenda, shall be circulated to all Executive Committee members at least 7 days in advance.
3. **Extraordinary Meetings:** The President may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee to consider urgent business. Furthermore, the Secretary General shall convene a meeting within 15 days upon the written request of at least one-third of the Executive Committee members.
4. **Virtual Participation:** Meetings may be held in-person, hybrid, or via secure video-conferencing platforms. All such meetings shall be recorded, and minutes must be maintained and circulated to all members for confirmation.
5. **Electronic Voting:** In urgent cases, the President may authorize electronic voting on specific resolutions via a secure digital platform. A resolution shall be valid if at least 2/3rd of the members cast their vote, and the results shall be formally ratified at the subsequent Executive Committee meeting. The use of "postal ballots" is hereby discontinued in favor of secure electronic means.

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ARTICLE 51: **Quorum and Conduct of Meetings**

1. **Quorum:**
   a. The quorum for any meeting of the Congress (Annual or Extraordinary) shall be 40% of the total eligible membership.
   b. The quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be 10 members, **provided that this quorum must include at least one representative from the Athletes Committee and one Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit (SOM).**
2. **Conflict of Interest:** If an agenda item concerns a specific member or affiliated unit, the representative from that unit shall recuse themselves from both the discussion and the vote. The member shall leave the meeting for the duration of the deliberation on that item.
3. **Voting:** All decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present and voting. **In the event of an equality of votes, the motion shall be deemed lost.** The President shall not exercise a casting vote.
4. **Virtual Attendance:** Members participating through secure, verified video conferencing platforms shall be counted towards the quorum and shall be entitled to vote on all agenda items.

ARTCLE 52: **Delegation of Authority and Financial Management**

1. **Delegation:** The Executive Committee may delegate specific administrative or technical matters to sub-committees or commissions. Such bodies shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, ensuring a balanced composition, including the mandatory inclusion of **athlete representatives**.
2. **Financial Responsibility:** Any member or sub-committee assigned a field of activity shall prepare an annual budget for their respective area. This budget must be submitted for review and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequently incorporated into the annual budget for the approval of the General Body (Congress).
3. **Accountability:** All sub-committees and commissions are accountable to the Executive Committee and shall submit progress reports at each Executive Committee meeting.
4. **Conflict of Interest:** All members assigned specific responsibilities shall declare any potential **Conflict of Interest** annually and recuse themselves from any decision-making process involving their own or affiliated interests, in accordance with the **Ethics Committee/ Commission.**

ARTICLE 53

1. The Secretary General must submit an annual report to the Congress which will be adopted and corrections made if necessary.

ARTICLE 54: **Emergency Decision-Making**

1. In case of extreme urgency, the President in Consultation with the Secretary General may contact other members of the Management Committee on phone and record their views and take a decision and send the same in writing to the Secretary General for execution.

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1. In cases of extreme urgency, the President may convene an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee via secure video-conferencing or digital platforms, provided that such meetings allow for real-time deliberation and verifiable voting.
2. **Verification:** All emergency decisions must be recorded in the official minutes, detailing the nature of the urgency, the members present, the views expressed, and the vote count.
3. **Ratification:** Any emergency decision taken via electronic means must be placed before the Executive Committee for formal ratification at its next scheduled meeting.
4. **Transparency:** Informal consensus-building, such as via telephonic consultation, shall not constitute a valid decision-making process for the Executive Committee. All executive actions must be supported by an official record to ensure transparency and accountability to the **National Sports Board (NSB)**.

ARTICLE 57

1. The President and Secretary General shall jointly nominate candidates attending IOA, ACC and UCI Meetings.

PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 56

1. The President or his replacement of CFI shall chair meetings of Congress and Management Committee and Executive Committee of the CFI.
2. The other specific duties of the President shall be as under:
    a. to chair all meetings of the Congress;
    b. to decide about convening of the meeting of Congress and Management Committee in consultation with Secretary General.
    c. to take such other actions as deemed necessary in accordance with the constitutional provisions.
3. The Senior Vice President shall act as a replacement of the President in his absence.
4. The Vice President shall be allotted the duties by the Management Committee and they shall report to the Management Committee progress of their activities and suggest any measures to bring the Rules and Regulation upto date to meet with the particular situation.
5. The Secretary General shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the CFI, responsible for the coordination of its affairs and the execution of the resolutions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee. The Secretary General shall oversee the correspondence of the CFI, issue notices for meetings, maintain the record of proceedings, and ensure the Federation's adherence to the **National Sports Governance Act, 2025** and the reporting requirements of the **National Sports Board (NSB)**. The Secretary General may delegate administrative functions to the CEO or professional staff. Statutory responsibilities regarding regulatory compliance and board communications may not be delegated to unauthorized personnel. The Secretary General shall perform these duties under the general direction of the Executive Committee and shall be accountable to both the Executive Committee and the General Body (Congress).

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6. Hony. Treasurer shall exercise general supervision on the finds of the federation. He shall receive all subscriptions and donations and keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements. He shall prepare annual budget and accounts and get the same audited from the charted accountant and obtain its report and place the same before the Management Committee and the Congress.
   The Treasurer shall exercise diligent supervision over all financial activities of the CFI. He/she shall ensure all funds, subscriptions, and donations are received and recorded. He/she shall maintain accurate, transparent records of all receipts and disbursements. He/she shall ensure all accounts are prepared in accordance with the prescribed financial reporting standards. He/she shall ensure that the annual accounts are audited by an auditor empaneled with the **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)**. The audited report and the final annual budget shall be placed before the Executive Committee and Congress for approval. Following approval by the Congress, the Treasurer shall ensure that the audited accounts are uploaded to the CFI website and submitted to the **National Sports Board (NSB)** within the statutory timelines. He/she shall ensure that all financial transactions comply with the CFI's **Conflict of Interest Policy** and that no funds are disbursed in violation of the CFI Constitution.
7. All other office bearers/members of the Management Committee, Executive Committee, Sub Committee appointed by the Management Committee, specific Board appointed by the Management Committee shall carry on the duties as allotted to them by the Management Committee.

ARTICLE 57

1. This President/Secretary General shall pin-point the persons and affiliated units who fail to comply with the Constitution and Regulations.

ARTICLE 58

1. If the President is absent or unable to attend he will be replaced by the Senior Vice President shall fill the office of the President until the next Congress will elect the successor to complete the term of his predecessor.

ARTICLE 59

1. The President or the Secretary General shall represent CFI in all circumstances, including at law, both as Plaintiff and Defendant.

ARTICLE 60

1. The CFI shall be validly bound to third parties by the joint signatures of the President and Secretary General or Treasurer or those of the President and a vice President controlling particular sphere of activities.

BOARDS

ARTICLE 61

1. Each Board shall have 10 members which shall be appointed by the Management Committee.
2. The members are appointed for a term of office expiring at the end of the term of office of the sitting Management Committee.

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3. One of the member shall be nominated as Chairman and one as Secretary-cum-Treasurer. Preferably the President and Secretary should belong to same place for better co-ordination.
4. Each Board shall have its own budget and shall submit the same to the Management Committee for approval.
5. Each Board should meet at least twice a year, one of the meeting being on the occasion of National Championships.
   A clear mandate that if a transaction involves an entity in which an official has an interest, that official **must** recuse themselves from the approval and disbursement process.

ARTCLE 62

1. The Management Committee shall determine the tasks of the Boards which shall be both technical and administrative and financial in nature.
2. Without prejudice to the supervisory control of Management Committee the Board shall enjoy freedom of action in matters within their terms of reference and shall be responsible for their budgets.
3. The Boards shall be assigned the following tasks in their respective spheres :-
   a. technical & administrative organization of cycling sport;
   b. drafting Race Regulations;
   c. application of Race Regulations;
   d. drawing Rules of Procedure;
   e. establishing the National calendar of competitions;
   f. recommending to the Secretary General of the Federation for appointing Technical delegate and other technical commissars for various competitions;
   g. Proposing and managing the budget after it is approved by the Management Committee.

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The Rule and regulations framed by each Board shall have to be approved by the Management Committee but once these are approved they are free to implement the same without any hindrance from any quarter but they have to act within frame work assigned by Management Committee in accordance with the Constitution of the CFI and as per the provisions of NSG Act and rules.

ARTCLE 63: **Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committee**

1. **Trigger for Appointment:** An Ad-Hoc Committee may be constituted only in the following extraordinary circumstances:
   a. The dissolution of the Executive Committee by a judicial order or the National Sports Tribunal (NST);
   b. The failure of the Federation to conduct elections within the timeframe.
   c. A deadlock in governance that renders the Federation incapable of performing its statutory functions.
2. **Appointment Authority:** The Ad-Hoc Committee shall be appointed by the **National Sports Board (NSB)**. The CFI shall not unilaterally constitute an Ad-Hoc body to bypass elected governance.
3. **Composition:** The Ad-Hoc Committee shall consist of 3 to 5 members, including:

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a. An independent Chairperson with administrative or legal expertise;
b. At least one Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit (SOM);
c. One representative of the National Sports Board (NSB).

4. **Term and Mandate:** The primary mandate of the Ad-Hoc Committee shall be the administration of essential functions and the conduct of fair, free, and transparent elections within a period not exceeding **six months**.
5. **Accountability:** The Ad-Hoc Committee shall report directly to the National Sports Board (NSB). It shall have no authority to amend the Constitution or alter the fundamental structure of the CFI.
6. **Cessation:** The term of the Ad-Hoc Committee shall expire automatically upon the declaration of results of the new Executive Committee elections.

ARTICLE 64: **Regulatory Implementation and Dispute Resolution**

1. Regulations proposed by any Board or Sub-Committee shall take effect upon approval by the Executive Committee.
2. **Implementation and Grievance:** Decisions implementing regulations in individual cases shall be immediately enforceable. Any member or party aggrieved by the implementation of such regulations may file a grievance with the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC).**
3. **Adjudication:** The DRC shall examine the grievance, conduct a fair hearing, and provide a reasoned decision. The DRC shall act as the primary internal appellate body for all regulatory and disciplinary contests.
4. **Statutory Appeal:** Any party dissatisfied with the decision of the DRC shall have the right to appeal to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST).**
5. **Stay of Implementation:** The DRC shall have the authority to grant a stay (abeyance) of any decision pending the outcome of the grievance, provided the interests of justice and the sport are preserved.

ARTICLE 65

1. The Management Committee shall set-up Sub Committee if deem necessary for the proper functioning of CFI. It shall prescribe their sphere of activity and functioning and appoint their members.
2. A technical Sub Committee, a Coaching and Selection Sub Committee, a Medical Sub Committee, a Financial Sub Committee shall be set-up.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

ARTICLE 66

1. The administration of CFI shall be placed under the directions of the Secretary General assisted by the Assistant Secretary and General Secretary shall report to the President. The administration of the CFI shall be headed by the Secretary General, who shall be supported by a professional secretariat.

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2. The Assistant Secretary shall be appointed or removed by the Management Committee under contract on a proposal from the Executive Committee and send the same to the Government who pays his salary.
3. Assistant Secretary shall help the Secretary General in day-to day correspondence, manage all record, maintain books, record of licenses and other relative records. He shall keep the Constitution and regulation up to date and shall see that they are duly published and distributed.
4. Assistant Secretary shall render the Secretariate help to the Appeals Board/ Athlete Commission/ Ethics Commission/ Women Commission. He shall also assume role of routine book keeping, receipt of payment and making the authorized payments.
   The Secretariat shall provide neutral administrative support to the **Ethics Committee, Athletes Committee, and Women's Commission**, ensuring they have the resources necessary to function independently.
5. The administrative office of the CFI shall be as determined by Management Committee.

TREASURER

ARTICLE 67

1. The Treasurer shall exercise diligent supervision over all financial activities. He/she shall maintain all vouchers and financial records. Any irregular or unauthorized payment detected must be reported immediately to the **Executive Committee** and, if not resolved, to the **Ethics Committee/ Commission** All bank accounts shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer and either the President or the Secretary General, as mandated by the CFI's financial regulations. Following approval, the Treasurer shall ensure that the audited accounts are made publicly available on the CFI website and submitted to the **National Sports Board (NSB)** in the prescribed format.

ARTICLE 68

1. The financial year of CFI shall commence on 1st April and close on 31st March of the next year.
2. The resources of CFI shall consists of contributions of the affiliated units, fee of license holders, sponsoring and the royalties generated from sports activities if any and other donation from individuals and public bodies and industries.
3. All the sum indicated in the tests and documents of CFI shall be in Indian Rupees.
4. In accordance with the objective criteria and within the limits of the budget approved by the Congress, the Management Committee may grant certain allowance to any of its functionaries whose activities take-up lot of considerable amount of time. Such persons shall have to be compensated for their telephone bills and traveling expenses.
5. Travel and accommodation expenses of the members of the Management Committee, Boards and Sub Committee with regard to Execution of their duties shall be at the expenses of the affiliated units to which such a member belongs, till such time the financial position of CFI become sound enough to bear this financial burden.

FINANCIAL CONTROL

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ARTICLE 69

1. The Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget and accounts. These must be audited by a **CAG-empaneled auditor** in accordance with statutory requirements. The audited reports shall be submitted to the Executive Committee and subsequently to the Congress for final approval.

ARTICLE 70 **Ethics Commission and Dispute Resolution**

1. **Establishment:** The CFI shall establish an independent **Ethics Commission** and an independent **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)**.
2. **Composition:** Each body shall consist of three members, including a Chairperson with a legal background. No member of these bodies shall be a current office bearer, staff member, or contractor of the CFI.
3. **Independent Nomination:** Candidates for these bodies shall be vetted and recommended by an **Independent Nominations Committee** (comprising members independent of the Executive Committee) and subsequently appointed by the Congress.
4. **Independence of Action:** The Ethics Commission and the DRC shall function independently of the Executive Committee. Their decisions shall be final within the Federation, subject only to an appeal before the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**.
5. **Term Limits:** Members of these bodies shall serve a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment, provided they maintain their status of independence.

ARTICLE 71: **Qualifications and Independence of Adjudicatory Bodies**

1. **Qualifications:** The Chairperson of the Ethics Commission and the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) **must** hold a recognized university degree in law and possess significant experience in legal practice or judiciary-related functions.
2. **Language:** Proceedings of these bodies shall be conducted in English.
3. **Independence & Incompatibility:** Members of the Ethics Commission and the DRC shall hold **no other function, office, or contractual relationship** with the CFI. They shall have no material, professional, or financial interest in any affiliated unit or individual member of the federation.
4. **Declaration of Independence:** Upon appointment, every member must sign a formal declaration of independence and conflict of interest, confirming that they meet the statutory requirements of the **CFI Constitution**.
5. **Term Limits:** Members shall serve for a term of four years and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE 72: **Jurisdiction of Adjudicatory Bodies**

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1. **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC):** The DRC shall have jurisdiction over:
   a. Appeals against administrative, sport-related, or disciplinary decisions taken by CFI authorities or affiliated units;
   b. Disputes between the CFI and affiliated units, or between two or more affiliated units;
   c. Any other dispute referred to it by mutual agreement of the parties.
2. **Ethics Commission:** The Ethics Commission shall have jurisdiction over violations of the **CFI Code of Ethics**, including but not limited to corruption, harassment, and conflicts of interest.
3. **Age Fraud:** The CFI shall establish an independent **Age Verification Committee**. Findings of age fraud shall be subject to the right of hearing and appeal before the DRC.
4. **Anti-Doping:** The CFI recognizes the sole jurisdiction of the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** and the relevant independent anti-doping disciplinary panels for all matters pertaining to anti-doping violations. The CFI shall enforce all sanctions imposed by these bodies without modification.
5. **Appellate Path:** All final decisions of the DRC and the Ethics Commission are subject to appeal before the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**.

ARTICLE 73: **Procedural Rules of Adjudicatory Bodies**

1. **Rule-Making Authority:** The Ethics Commission and the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) shall formulate their own **Rules of Procedure**, ensuring strict adherence to the principles of **Natural Justice** and the rights of the defense.
2. **Approval:** These Rules of Procedure, and any subsequent amendments, shall be submitted to the Congress for final approval to ensure democratic legitimacy.
3. **Independence of Procedure:** The Management Committee shall not intervene in or regulate the adjudicatory proceedings of these bodies.
4. **Financial Provisions:** The Management Committee shall ensure the financial requirements of the Ethics Commission and the DRC are met as part of the annual budget approved by the Congress. These funds shall be managed to guarantee the independent functioning of these bodies.
   Statutory Alignment: All procedures established under this article shall be consistent with the rules and regulations prescribed by the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**.

ARTICLE 74: **ATHLETES COMMITTEE AND VOTING REPRESENTATION**

1. **Establishment:** The CFI shall constitute an Athletes Committee, which shall serve as the formal representative body for all active and retired cyclists registered under the Federation.
2. **Composition:**
   - The Athletes Committee shall consist of [e.g., five] members, elected by the registered athletes of the CFI.
   - At least 50% of the members of the Athletes Committee shall be women to ensure gender-balanced representation.

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- Members of this Committee must meet the criteria for "Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit" (SOM).

3. **Mandatory Voting Power on Management Committee:**
    - To ensure the athlete voice is integral to decision-making, the **Chairperson** of the Athletes Committee and one other representative elected by the Athletes Committee (who shall be of the opposite gender to the Chairperson) shall hold **ex-officio seats** on the Management Committee.
    - These two representatives shall possess **full voting rights** on the Management Committee, equal to those of the elected office bearers and executive members.
4. **Role and Authority:**
    - The Athletes Committee shall have the authority to provide recommendations on technical cycling matters, national coaching camps, selection criteria, and athlete welfare policies.
    - The Management Committee shall be required to formally consult the Athletes Committee on any changes to competition rules or training protocols that directly affect athlete welfare or safety.
    - In the event the Management Committee rejects a formal recommendation made by the Athletes Committee regarding athlete welfare, the Management Committee must provide written reasons for such rejection, which shall be recorded in the minutes and disclosed to the General Body.
5. **Independence:**

The Athletes Committee shall function independently. No office bearer of the CFI or employee of the Federation shall be eligible to be a member of the Athletes Committee.

ARTICLE 75: **Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)**

1. **Establishment:** In accordance with the **Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013**, the CFI shall constitute an **Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)** for the redressal of complaints pertaining to sexual harassment.
2. **Composition:** The ICC shall consist of a Chairperson (a senior-level female employee or member), at least two members from among the staff/members committed to the cause of women, and **one external member** from an NGO or an association committed to the cause of women, or a person familiar with issues relating to sexual harassment.
3. **Appointment:** Members shall be appointed by the Congress upon the recommendation of an independent Nominations Committee, ensuring that at least 50% of the members are women.
4. **Independence:** The ICC shall function independently of the Executive Committee. Its proceedings, findings, and recommendations shall be final and binding upon the CFI, subject to the right of appeal before the **National Sports Tribunal (NST)**.

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5. **Accountability:** The ICC shall prepare an annual report on the number of cases received, disposed of, and pending, which shall be submitted to the **National Sports Board (NSB)** and presented to the Congress.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

ARTICLE 76

1. The official language of the CFI shall be English.
2. The constitution, Regulation and minutes as well as all documents submitted to the CFI shall be in English language only.
   All documents addressed to CFI and language used during the meetings shall be in English.

SYMBOLS AND LOGOS

ARTICLE 77

1. The flag and Logo of the CFI shall be later on decided by the Management Committee.
2. The Congress may confer the title of honor to any person who has done outstanding services to the CFI, Cycling Sports and in general promotion of cycling.
3. The Management Committee may create and attribute distinctions on outstanding personality.

COMPETENT COURTS

ARTICLE 78

1.

1. All legal action by the CFI and on CFI by any person shall lie in the Courts of Delhi or where registered office is situated.
2. All disputes regarding the membership of CFI shall lie with the registrar of Delhi or where the CFI is registered and with the jurisdiction of Courts of Delhi.
3. No affiliated unit, office bearer, or athlete shall initiate legal proceedings in any court or the National Sports Tribunal without first exhausting the internal grievance redressal mechanism (the **Dispute Resolution Committee - DRC**) provided under this Constitution.
4. Upon exhaustion of the internal DRC process, any aggrieved party may appeal the decision to the **National Sports Tribunal (NST).**
   The jurisdiction of the National Sports Tribunal (NST) shall be exclusive for all matters/disputes, as prescribed by the Act.

ARTICLE 79: **Dissolution of the CFI**

1. **Procedure:** The dissolution of the CFI shall only be decided by the Congress by a two-thirds majority of the total voting members, with at least two-thirds of all eligible delegates present at the meeting.

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2. **NSB Approval:** The decision of the Congress to dissolve the CFI shall not take effect until it is formally approved by the **National Sports Board (NSB)**.
3. **Asset Disposal:** Upon dissolution, and after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any remaining assets—particularly those acquired through government grants or public funds—shall be transferred to the **National Sports Board (NSB)** or such other public body as the NSB may designate.
   Compliance Audit: A final audit of all financial records must be conducted by a **CAG-empanelled auditor** and submitted to the NSB as a condition precedent to the formal dissolution of the CFI.

ARTICLE 80: SUPREMACY AND STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

1. **Mandatory Compliance:** The Cycling Federation of India (CFI) acknowledges its status as a National Sports Body and a "public authority" under the **Right to Information Act, 2005**. The CFI undertakes to align its organizational structure, election procedures, athlete representation, and financial accounting practices strictly with the standards mandated by the 2025 Act.

2. **Automatic Amendment:** Any amendment, addition, or deletion in the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, or its subsequent Rules, shall be deemed to be automatically incorporated into this Constitution by operation of law, without requiring a formal vote of the Congress, to the extent necessary to maintain legal compliance.

   Supremacy of Statutory Bodies: The CFI recognizes the supreme oversight of the **National Sports Board (NSB)** and the **National Sports Tribunal** established under the 2025 Act. All internal dispute resolution mechanisms, including the Appeals Board/Ethics Committee/ Commission, shall function subject to the final appellate jurisdiction of the National Sports Tribunal.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Any situation not covered by this Constitution shall be decided upon by the Management Committee and shall be final and binding.

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